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Juveniles

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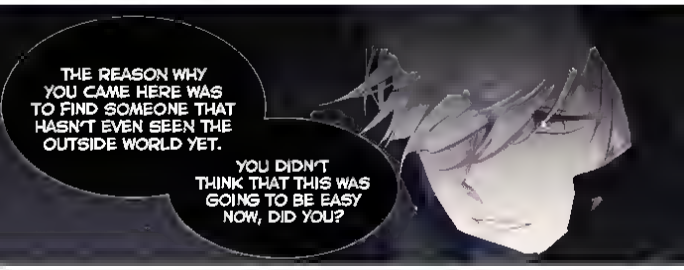
ZACH?
쥬브 나일스
JUVENILES
NOW, WHERE'S THIS GATE THAT YOU KEEP TALKING ABOUT?
'CAUSE I DON'T SEE A SINGLE GATE AROUND HERE.
GATE? THERE ISN'T ONE.

YOU COULD SAY THAT THIS WHOLE BUILDING IS A GATE IT-SELF IN SOME WAY.
HOLDING IN ALL THE CHILDREN THAT ARE YET TO BE BORN,
AND SENDING THEM ON THEIR WAY WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, THEY JUST SIMPLY VANISH.
IT'S JUST LIKE MOTHER NATURE TAKING ITS COURSE.

THEN, WHAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THE GATE WAS A...
WE JUST MEANT THAT THINGS AROUND HERE WEREN'T WORKING PROPERLY ANY-MORE.
WE TOLD YOU THAT THERE WAS A GATE BECAUSE SOME SAY THAT WHEN YOU VANISH, YOU SEE YOURSELF WALKING THROUGH A BIG HALL-LIKE GATE.

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THERE ISN'T AN ACTUAL GATE I'M SUPPOSED TO OPEN?
THEN WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
Don't be so upset just yet~
YOU BETTER START OFF BY FINDING YOUR LITTLE SISTER FIRST.

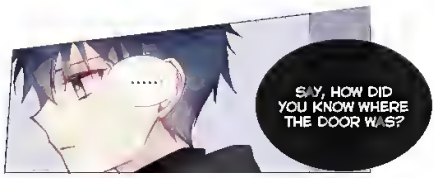

THE REASON WHY YOU CAME HERE WAS TO FIND SOMEONE THAT HASN'T EVEN SEEN THE OUTSIDE WORLD YET.
YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE EASY NOW, DID YOU?

WELL YEAH, I SORT OF DID...

WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK ANYWAY?
WHO KNOWS~? MAYBE YOU SHOULD FOLLOW A TRAIL OF MYSTICAL BREAD CRUMBS.
Like Hansel & Gretel
EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

THOSE KIDS HERE CALLED THE OUTSIDE A BACKYARD OF SOME SORT...
AND YOU KNOW, IF IT WASN'T SO SNOWY, I WOULD'VE HAD AN EASIER TIME GETTING HERE.

MOST CHILDREN DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OUTSIDE.
THEY DON'T NOTICE MUCH SINCE IT'S SAFER IN HERE.
OF COURSE, THERE *ARE* SOME THAT HAPPEN TO BE MORE OBSERVANT.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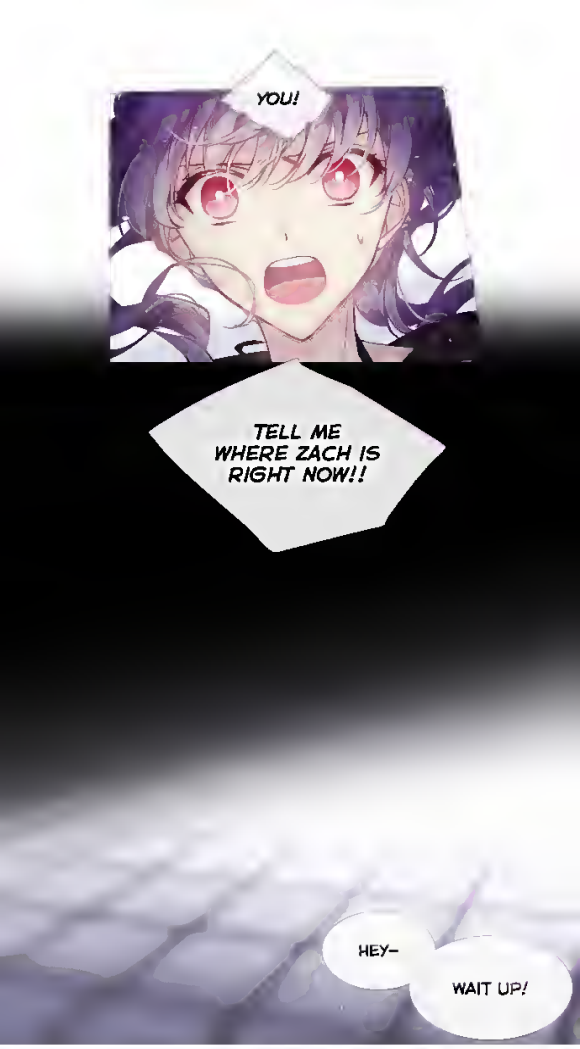
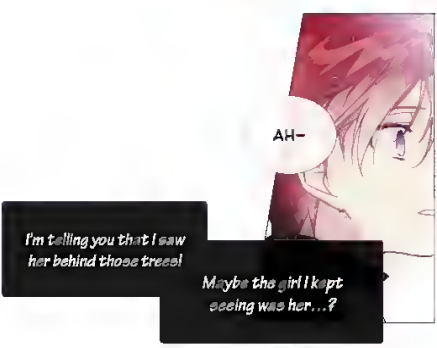
SAY, HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE THE DOOR WAS?

HUH?
YOU KNEW EXACTLY WHICH WINDOW TO PUSH OPEN.
DID YOU REMEMBER?

...?
NO, I JUST...
tap
tap
tap
GOODNESS ME.
LOOKS LIKE SOME-ONE'S GOING TO BEAT YOU TO IT ON YOUR LITTLE SCAVENGER HUNT.
TAP
TAP
TAP
HEY!


YOU!
TELL ME WHERE ZACH IS RIGHT NOW!!
HEY–
WAIT UP!

WHAT'S THE RUSH?! AND WHO ARE YOU?
I CAME TO PLAY WITH YOU.
NO, I MEAN WHERE DID YOU COME FROM...

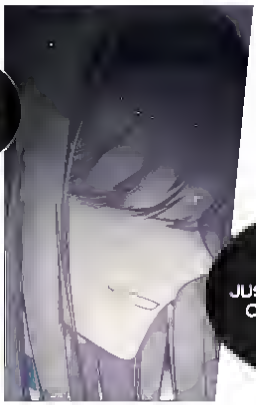

AH–
I'm telling you that I saw her behind those trees!
Maybe the girl I kept seeing was her...?

HEY UH... ARE YOU THAT GUY'S LITTLE SISTER?

YOU MEAN THAT BOY WHO CAME IN HERE AWHILE AGO?

YEAH, HIM. I THINK HE WAS LOOKING FOR YOU?

...IT'S FINE.



WE WERE JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.

HIDE AND SEEK? ...WITH HIM?

YEAH. SO WE NEED TO GO HIDE BEFORE HE CATCHES US

Is she for real...?
Well they did both come from the outside...

They must've been together all along-

Though unlike him,

I don't remember ever seeing her *inside* this building...

OH WAIT, I FORGOT TO TELL VIOLET WHERE I WAS GOING...

YOU WERE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK TOO, WEREN'T YOU?

EH?

I KNOW A GREAT PLACE TO HIDE.

COME ON~

AREN'T YOU COMING?

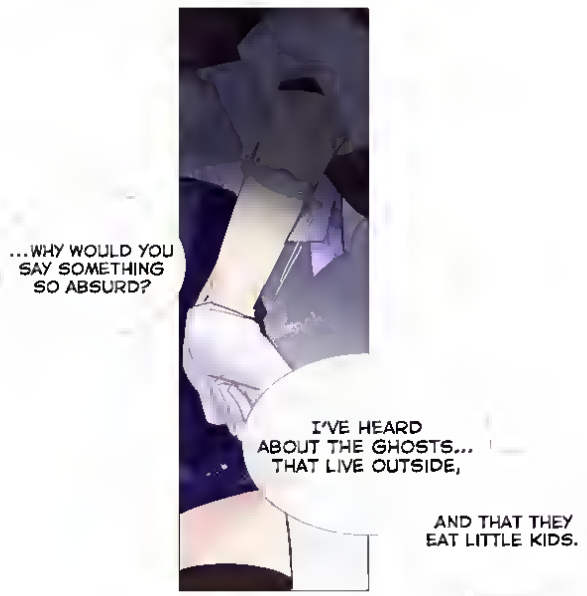
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW?

HE'S GONE. AND I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!

SO WHERE IS HE?

I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.
I KNOW YOU'RE LYING!
SO ANNOYING

YOU'RE A GHOST, AREN'T YOU?!

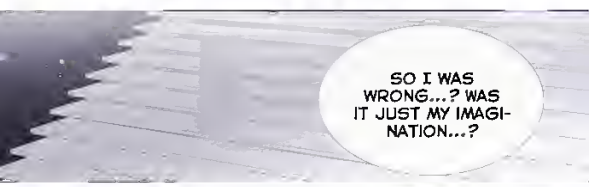

...WHY WOULD YOU SAY SOMETHING SO ABSURD?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE GHOSTS... THAT LIVE OUTSIDE,
AND THAT THEY EAT LITTLE KIDS.

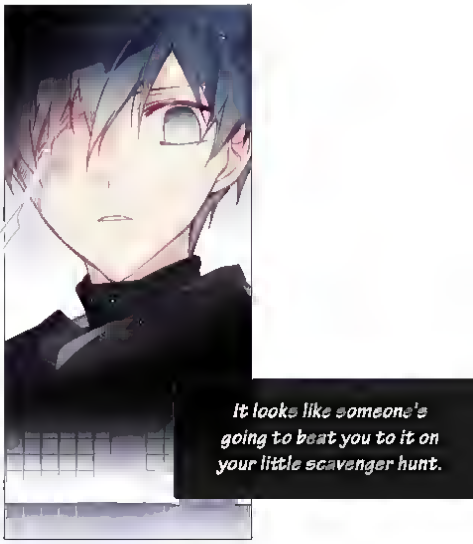
THERE USED TO BE A RUMOR ABOUT A STRANGE VOICE COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE.
IT WAS CREEPY...
ASKING US TO COME OUTSIDE TO PLAY.
AND IT EVEN SAID THAT...
IT WAS OKAY IF WE *DIDN'T EXIST*.

FINDING YOUR SIBLING WAS A LIE TOO WASN'T IT?
YOU ACTUALLY CAME HERE TO TAKE US AWAY AND GET RID OF US
ACTING LIKE YOU WERE ONE OF US...
SO WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH ZACH?

T/N CAN SHE GET ANY MORE ANNOYING IF YOU RE ACCUSING SOMEONE INNOCENT!!!

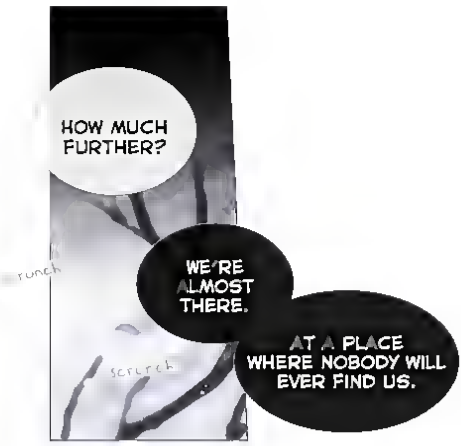
T: N MAYBE IF YOU GET HER A BRAIN??




It looks like someone's going to beat you to it on your little scavenger hunt.

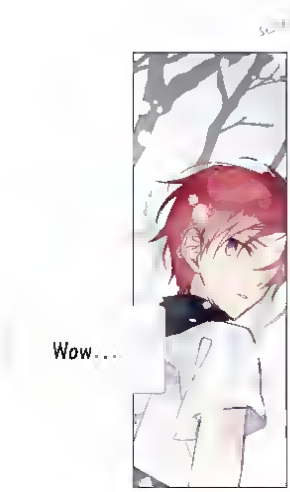
YOU'RE NOT HALLUCINATING.
HUH?
YOU'RE HALF RIGHT.

THOUGH I DOUBT THE PART ABOUT BEING EATEN.

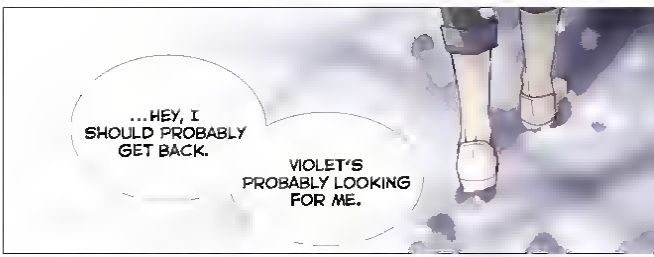

HOW MUCH FURTHER?
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
AT A PLACE WHERE NOBODY WILL EVER FIND US.
crunch
scratch

I'VE ALWAYS WATCHED YOU PLAYING WITH THAT GIRL

I WANTED TO JOIN YOU BUT, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET IN...
I'M SO HAPPY THAT I GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU.

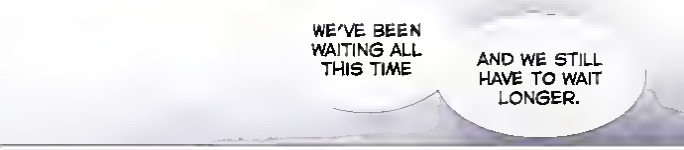

Wow...

This place is
way bigger than I thought...


...HEY, I SHOULD PROBABLY GET BACK.
VIOLET'S PROBABLY LOOKING FOR ME.

YOU'RE GOING TO GO BACK? BACK INSIDE...?
YEAH. I DON'T WANT HER TO WORRY...

BUT HAVEN'T YOU BEEN THERE LONG ENOUGH?
...? YEAH BUT... IT'S OUR HOME.


WE'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME
AND WE STILL HAVE TO WAIT LONGER.

THERE'S
NO NEED TO WAIT.
YOU MUST'VE NOTICED BY NOW BUT,
EVEN IF YOU GO BACK, NOTHING'S GOING TO CHANGE.
THINK ABOUT IT. HAS ANYTHING CHANGED DESPITE WAITING THIS LONG?
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU WAIT,
IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE SAME.
creep

WHY DON'T YOU JUST ACCEPT IT?
IT'S YOUR FATE
FOR BOTH OF YOU EITHER WAY.
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